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<b>Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b>  Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	<b>Application Number</b>	10/068,580
	<b>Filing Date</b>	February 6, 2002
	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	DiBiase et al.
	<b>Art Unit</b>	3635
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	B. S. Katcheves
	<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	29020/107A

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

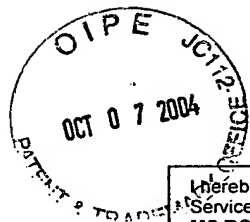
1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
- a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☒ Other Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) dated May 13, 2004
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) dated \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 10/08/2004 MAHME1 00000095 10068580
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 790.00 0P
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 900.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
*DiBiase et al.*

Application No.: 10/068,580

Filed: February 6, 2002

Art Unit: 3635

For: LEAD-IN BUMPER FOR A LOADING DOCK

Examiner: B. S. Katcheves

**AMENDMENT**

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Amendment accompanies an RCE filing for Application Number 10/068,580. In lieu of directly responding to the June 4, 2004 Final Office Action, Applicants have canceled all claims, and now present a new set of claims for consideration by the Examiner. These new claims are discussed in greater detail below.

**Amendments** to the claims begin on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 7.